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Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge to Host Annual Youth Waterfowl Hunt

The Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge is teaming up with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation Game Wardens to host the 7th Annual Youth Waterfowl Hunt. This hunt is an excellent opportunity for youth between the ages of 13 and 15 to participate in an outdoor activity that is entertaining and educational. Young people do not need any prior hunting experience to be able to participate in this hunt, and parents are welcome to attend each day of the event with their children. The Youth Waterfowl Hunt is scheduled for December 27-28, 2012.

In order to be eligible for the hunt, please mail the following information to Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge no later than December 10, 2012.

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Mailing address
- Gauge of your shotgun, and what size chamber it has (if you have no gun, one can be provided for you)

You must be 13-15 years old on the dates of the hunt and a resident of the State of Oklahoma to be eligible. A total of 15 hunters will be selected to participate in the hunt. Names will be drawn at random and the individuals selected will receive notification from the refuge.

Please address your information to:

Sequoyah National Wildlife Refuge
Youth Waterfowl Hunt
107993 S. 4520 Rd
Vian, OK 74962

The young hunters selected will arrive at the Refuge Headquarters at 10am on the morning of December 27, 2012 for a field day. A number of Oklahoma State Game Wardens will be present for the day's events that will include topics such as waterfowl identification; waterfowl hunting techniques, a duck call demonstration, a retriever demonstration, and a Shotgun Training Education Program (STEP). A lunch will also be provided for the participants on this day.

December 28, 2012 is designated as the hunting day. Participants will arrive at the refuge headquarters at 5am and will be treated to a doughnut breakfast. Hunters will divide into small

groups and use the things they learned on the previous day while hunting under the direct guidance of the Game Wardens. Many hunters never have the chance to hunt with a Game Warden and this will be an exciting experience that leaves a lasting impression on the young hunters. These Game Wardens are extremely devoted to the education of young hunters throughout the state, and it is very important for them to pass on their knowledge and instill a sense of ethics in the next generation of hunters. Everyone at the refuge encourages parents to take advantage of this opportunity to get their children involved in an event that passes the legacy of waterfowl hunting to our future generations.

If you have further questions about the Youth Waterfowl Hunt please contact Chad Ford at (918)773-5251 ext 23.

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